

AS SOON AS = happens immediately after something else happened

Let the dog out **as soon as** you get home.

As soon as she got money, she bought a car.

As soon as he earned his diploma, he got a good job.

We'll move to Arizona **as soon as** we sell our house.

As soon as I heard that you need help, I came here to talk to you.

I'll let you know **as soon as** I learn the results.

WHILE = happens at the same time as another action

Someone knocked on the door **while** we were having dinner.

While she was doing some shopping, she met one of her friends.

Please note them down **while** I am writing the sentences on the board.

UNTIL = continues up to that point and then stops.

UNTIL + NOUN / OR Sentence

I studied **until** midnight last night.

I will stay here **until** you tell me the truth.

She had looked after the babies **until** I came back from a three-day holiday.

Sue will be away **until** Tuesday.

DURING = at some point in a period of time

DURING + NOUN

During my university education, I stayed at a state dormitory.

The girl kept playing with her mobile phone **during** the whole movie.

You should not talk **during** the exam.

During the holiday, I didn't read even a single book.

BY THE TIME = before

By the time the waiter took our order, we had waited for an hour.

My mom had done all the housework **by the time** I arrived home.

By the time we found a shelter, we had already got wet.

By the time the train arrives, I will have a coffee at the cafeteria.

A. CHOOSE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE IN EACH CASE

1. _____ you finish your homework, you cannot go out.

- a. Since b. Until c. Before

2. _____ we arrived, everybody had already left.

- a. By the time b. As soon as c. While

3. She said goodbye to her parents _____ she left.

- a. Until b. As c. before

4. The burglars had broken into our house _____ we got there.

- a. when b. after c. while

5. Jaime and Kate were arguing _____ people were looking at them.

- a. until b. after c. while

6. The telephone rang _____ we started to eat.

- a. until b. as soon as c. soon

7. The rescuers had come _____ he died from a heart attack.

- a. after b. while c. before

8. I didn't have my keys, so I couldn't get in the house _____ mom arrived.

- a. then b. until c. as soon as

9. I remember _____ people used to kiss each other without being afraid of COVID-19.

- a. before b. after c. when

10. Most people don't take care about their diet _____ they get a serious illness.

- a. as soon as b. while c. until

B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT TIME LINKER

1. I found some old magazines _____ I was tidying my old room recently.

- a. while b. as soon as c. during

2. I was looking for my keys. _____ as my sister found them, she gave them to me.

- a. during b. as soon as c. while

3. India was ruled by the UK _____ 1947 when it gained independence.

- a. by the time b. until c. while

4. There were many important discoveries _____ the XXth century.

- a. during b. while c. by the time

5. The headmistress called the police _____ she found out the school had been robbed.

- a. by the time b. as soon as c. until

6. She almost fell asleep _____ the conference. It was extremely boring.

- a. while b. as soon as c. during

7. Fern and Linda met _____ they were working together at Amazon.

- a. during b. by the time c. while

8. _____ we arrived at the stadium, the concert had already finished.

- a. until b. by the time c. while

9. We walked around Central Park _____ it was dark. Then we went back to our hotel.

- a. during b. until c. while

10. _____ the teacher was explaining the task, Maria was talking with her friend.

- a. while b. as soon as c. until

ANSWERS:

A. 1.b 2.a 3.c 4.a 5.c 6.b
7.c 8.b 9.c 10.c

ANSWERS:

B. 1.a 2.b 3.b 4.a 5.b 6.c
7.c 8.b 9.b 10.a